

SYSTEM FOR PUBLISHING, ORGANIZING, ACCESSING AND DISTRIBUTING INFORMATION IN A COMPUTER NETWORK

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A system uses "dimensions" to filter information in a computer network.

- 5 Dimensions can be categories such as geographic location, corporate department, employee classification or time period, etc. Each dimension includes one or more "elements." An element is essentially a "value" for the dimension. For example, in the "geographic location" dimension, values can be "worldwide," "Europe," "France," etc. A "community" is a set of values for one or more dimensions. Thus, the community defines a segment, or "slice," of
- 10 documents or information within the total documents or information available. "Themes" are used to further organize the documents. Themes are subject categories. Documents, and document portions, can be associated with themes and are organized according to themes. Dimensions, dimension values, and themes can be set by a system administrator.

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